



Attorney Docket No. CNA-018-DIV

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Chandler et al.

Serial No.: 09/592,393

Filed: June 13, 2000

For: PRECISION CONTINUOUS SURFACE)
GUIDED OPTICAL MODULE)
CARRIER AND METHOD OF USING)
SAME)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated March 12, 2002, the period for response to which having been extended through June 12, 2002 by a Request for Extension of Time and fee payment filed contemporaneously herewith, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the claim 3 of Group I, claims 4-6, 8 and 9 of Group II, and claims 11, 13 and 15 of Group III. The restriction requirement further designates claim 2 as a "linking claim" (see page 3 of the restriction requirement). Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's grouping of the claims, as well as the Examiner's characterization of the subject matter to which the claims are drawn. Nevertheless, in order to expedite prosecution of the present case, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group III, claims 11, 13 and 15, and linking claim 2.

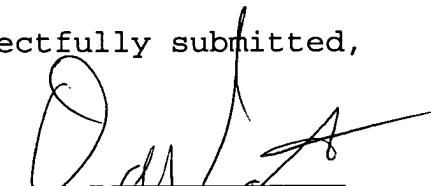
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of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0308. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 6/12/02